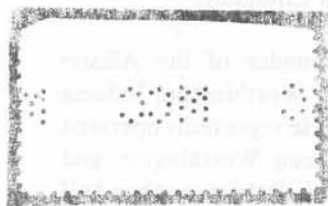
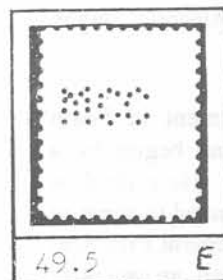


A Modern Mystery

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Here are two modern day "perfins". They also are a mystery to me and I would appreciate an explanation, if there is one out there. First, shown to the left is a copy of the William Soroyan



commemorative showing perfin pattern "MCC". This pattern is listed as perfin pattern M49.5, user unknown, from Baltimore, Maryland. Can this perforator still be in use?

The second item, shown below, is a perfin design, on a recent U.S. Olympic issue. The envelope, used by an individual (name and address deleted), is a United Telephone return envelope.

I have reproduced the pattern roughly on the envelope.

If you have any ideas, please contact the *Bulletin* editor.

